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## HUNGARIAN COTTON PRODUCTION: PLANS FOR PROCESSING KOK-SAGYZ

COTTON YARN, CLOTH PRODUCTION INCREASES -- Berlin, Aussenhandels-Nachrichten, 20 Aug 52

At present, Hungary's cotton industry is delivering twice as much yarn and  $l_2^{\frac{1}{2}}$  times as much cloth as before the war. The production of wool fabrics has risen almost  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times. The ready-made clothing industry increased production 449 percent, as compared with 1949.

During the first years of the Five-Year Plan large textile and readymade clothing enterprises were created, among them the Szegedi Textil Kombinat (Szeged Textile Combine), one of the most modern in Central Europe. The combine is equipped with the newest Soviet machinery and was built with the help of Soviet experts.

The first work section of the textile factory now being built at Kaposvar, which is also equipped with the latest products of Soviet engineering, has already begun operations. The largest Hungarian ready-made clothing factories at Bekes-Csaba and Zalaegerszeg have begun production.

PLAN PROCESSING PLANT FOR KOK-SAGYZ -- Berlin, Aussenhandels-Nachrichten.

After certain difficulties connected with the cultivation of kok-sagyz in Hungary have been overcome, a large processing plant will be built this year in the vicinity of the kok-sagyz plantations in western Hungary. An alcohol distillery is to be operated in connection with this enterprise, since the kok-sagyz roots yield fermentable substances from which industrial alcohol can be obtained. The latex obtained from the kok-sagyz plant will be used for everything from automobile tires to rubber bands. Successful experiments have already been made. For example, an automobile tire made of Hungarian kok-sagyz has already covered more than 15,000 kilometers on certain test trips.

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SIXTH COTTON PROCESSING PLANT BEING BUILT -- Innsbruck, Unio Press Service,

At present, there are five cotton-processing plants in Hungary. They are located at Deg, Siklos, Kisszallas, Kisujszallas, and Hodmezovasarhely. A sixth and larger plant is being built in Hodmezovasarhely also, at a cost of 21 million forints. The new plant is to be equipped with Soviet machinery capable of processing 100,000 kilograms of raw cotton per day.

The plant's raw material supplies will be stored in 3 one-story sheds, each 80 meters long and 20 meters wide. The sheds hold 4 tons of cotton each.

The Pamuttextil Muvek (Cotton Textile Works) and the Magyar Pamutipar (Hungarian Cotton Industry Enterprise/) are engaged currently in making textiles from Hungarian cotton. Seventy-five percent of the textile goods and the processed cotton is shipped to the USSR for China.

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